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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)
National Ocean Service Kihei Facility Project
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Thank you for your comments on our Draft Environmental Assessment for the National Ocean Service (NOS) Kihei Facility Project (KFP). We appreciate your concerns and share many of them ourselves.

We wholeheartedly will do our utmost to preserve and/or transplant the current native plants. Although the constructions drawings did not adequately demonstrate this, we intend to use native plants extensively in the landscaping for the project. Furthermore, we believe that the landscaping will significantly mitigate the adverse effects of the wind-blown sand and the dune system.

Again, thank you for your comments and interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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